

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [Docket No. CP14-542-000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on August 22, 2014, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed in the above referenced docket an application, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to further expand the existing certificated boundary and buffer zone of Southern Star's Alden Gas Storage Field, located in Rice County, Kansas, all as more fully described in the Application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application may be directed to David N. Roberts, Analyst Staff, Regulatory Compliance, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, by phone (270) 852-4654, by fax (270) 852-5010, or by email at David.N.Roberts@sscgp.com, or to W. Douglas Field, Senior Attorney, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, by phone (270) 852-4657, or by email at W.Doug.Field@sscgp.com.

Specifically, Southern Star requests authorization to acquire the gas storage easements and related mineral rights to (1) 2,652 acres of the Simpson formation within the northern part of current certificated boundary of the Alden field, (2) 660 acres outside the current certificated boundary on the north, northeast, and northwest flanks, from the base of the Kansas City Limestone to the top of the Arbuckle Limestone, to include both the Simpson and Misener formations, and (3) 350 acres of the Simpson formation within the southeast part of the current boundary. The acquisition is part of Southern Star's efforts to halt migration of storage gas from the Misener formation into the Simpson formation. Southern Star estimates the total capital cost for the acquisition of the property interest to be approximately \$1,357,946.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's

public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or

intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: September 18, 2014.

Dated: August 28, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose, *Secretary*.

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